(b) if so, the present positions of the said project-proposal and the likelihood of starting the work?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H. MUNIAPPA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

**Project officers of NHAI**

2994. SHRI S. M. LAUAN BASHA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have directed the NHAI to put projects on fast track;

(b) whether it is a fact that deliberate delays are being enquired by various project officers;

(c) whether any such project officers have been identified;

(d) whether NHAI would upgrade the level of calibre of its project officers; and

(e) the steps proposed to select talent and experienced officers to build over highways?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K. H. MUNIAPPA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) Apart from regular officers, experienced and talented officers from various Central Government/State Government Organizations are selected on deputation basis for implementation of NHAI Projects.

**Funds allocated for National Highways in Bihar**

2995. SHRI TARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the condition of National Highways in Bihar is very bad;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and